

Sinclair
Broadcasting's
decision to force
their stations to
air an anti-Kerry
documentary days
before the election
is a clear example
of the dangers of
media consolidation
and a violation of
the use of the
airwaves.

Sinclair uses the
public airwaves free
of charge, and is
obligated by law to
serve the public
interest. But when
large companies
control the
airwaves, we get
more of what's good
for the bottom line,
their political and
commercial agenda
and less of what we
need for our
democracy. Instead
of something
produced at "News
Central" far away,
it's more important
that we see real
people from our own
communities and more
substantive news
about issues that
matter.

Sinclair's actions
show why we need to
strengthen media
ownership rules, not
weaken them. They
show why the license
renewal process
needs to involve
more than a returned
postcard.

I fully intend to
talk with community
members about this
issue and I
personally am going
to boycott
programming on my
local affiliate
channel, it one of
the few actions I
can take to voice my
dissent with this
decision. And I will

alert the local
station to my
decision. I have
friends, I have
co-workers, I have
relatives and I have
acquaintances and
regardless of our
political leanings,
we all agree that
this type of forced
programming is
simply unacceptable.

Sincerely,